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In Re Application of:

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For: Method of Producing Nucleic Acid Molecules with Reduced Secondary Structure

RESPONSE (WITH AMENDMENTS)Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The outstanding final Office Action mailed *June 13, 2005* (Paper No. 20050607) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 10-18 are canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 25-35 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 50-1078.